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MEETING PARTICIPANTS

A. Board Members:

Don Elliman (chair), State Treasurer Cary Kennedy, Taryn Edwards, Rep. Don Marostica, Secretary of State Bernie Buescher, Reeves Brown, Admiral Richard Truly, Bob Gibson, Senator Moe Keller, Ray Baker

B. Guests:

Megan Gilchrest, Rick Collins, Matt Tyburski, Chris Bently, Brad Zureg, Renny Fagan, Timothy Gallagher, Dan Montgomery, Randy McConnell, Bennie Milliner, Rachael Running, Wade Kloos, Rachel Erbert, Tyler Mounsey, Sheila Lieder, Robert Jackson, Darcy Wilson, Andy White, Kandice McKeon, Helga Grunerod, Katina Hamann, Doug Young, Vilma Hassan, Kip Cheroutes, James Jenson, Steven Palmer, Cathy Proctor, Natalie Baker, Gary Nesmith, Jesus Rodriguez, Freddie Hanns, Timothy Jackson, Gary Dixon, Jim Blair Diana Campbell

Governor's Office/OEDIT Staff, other State Agencies:

Russell George, Deborah Gallegos, Celina Benavidez, Todd Saliman, Lisa Esgar, John Conley, Mike Locatis, Mark Cavanaugh, Kyle Miller, Chris Smith, Myung Oak Kim, Linda Gallegos

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A. General Update from the Governor's office

Don Elliman called the meeting to order and introduced Chris Smith of the Governor's Office.

1. WEB update presentation by Chris Smith

The FAQ page is more interactive. The RSS feed will automatically update people on answers to questions that have been submitted by the public. There is an updated version of the ARRA map which will allow people to see the breakout of funds by county. Additionally, the public will also be able to see information about projects occurring in their neighborhood, as well as the specifics of those projects.

2. Bucket List Update

The staff is in the process of updating this list. They are also working on establishing a prioritization and timeline for the list.

3. Staff Update

Maranda Pleau has been hired as the Minority Outreach Coordinator in regard to stimulus funds, for the Governor's office. Her start date is June 29th.

The Governor's office has retained the law firm of Hogan and Hartson as outside counsel on behalf of the Governor's office.

Elliman has been appointed Chief Operating Officer for the State. He will continue to chair the Colorado Economic Recovery Accountability board.

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B. ARRA Status Report

Communications manager Myung Oak Kim created "A Colorado Status Report" which provides a snapshot of where Colorado is currently with the Recovery Act dollars. It will be updated regularly with the programs that are actively going forward. This report can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery.

C. Tracking & Reporting, Presentation by Governor's Office of Information Technology (represented by Executive Director Mike Locatis) and the State Controller's Office (represented by State Controller David McDermott)

Both offices are working together to ensure that Colorado is in compliance, and that all federal requirements are met in regard to tracking and reporting. The State Controller's office is providing the requirements, while OIT is translating those requirements into a working system that will provide the necessary reports. The issues both offices are currently facing include getting information from the federal government in regard to requirements, an existing accounting system that is stable, but less flexible than other systems, and limited resources for funding the administrative costs associated with implementing ARRA.

- D. Broadband, Presentation by Governor's Office of Information Technology
 - John Conley, Executive Director of SIPA (Statewide Internet Portal Authority) presented. Colorado is well positioned to receive competitive funds of between \$73 and \$100 million dollars. Conley, working with satellite service providers, has created a map that displays the terrain of Colorado and tracks where the satellite providers' customer base is located. Conversely this shows where traditional broadband does not exist. The map illustrated that while most metro areas are covered, (with traditional fiber or wireless) a few miles outside those areas do not have coverage. The maps (which will eventually be available online) also show where public libraries, schools, health clinics, hospitals and other public goods sites are. The State plans to work with private sector entities to apply for grants that would not only build subscribers in those areas but also cover the public goods sites with an adequate level of speed. The funds for those projects will be distributed directly to those private entities with whom the State has chosen to partner. More information on the Broadband project can be found at Colorado.gov/recovery under the Projects tab
- E. State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, Presentation by Governor's Office of State Planning & Budgeting
 Lisa Esgar, Deputy Director of OSPB detailed the specifics of the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF), title
 14 of the Recovery Act .She also explained the State's plans for distribution of those funds. This fund
 source totals \$760 million dollars for Colorado and is split into 2 pots. The Education Stabilization fund
 which is 81.8% ((\$621.8 million), can be used for K-12 or higher education. The other pot is the
 Government Services fund which is 18.2 % (\$138 million) and can be used for government services, the
 disbursement of which can be determined by the Governor. Copies of this presentation can be found at
 Colorado.gov/recovery under the Accountability Board tab/Meeting Information.
- F. Colorado Department of Transportation Presentation on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Outreach CDOT Director Russell George addressed their plan for managing stimulus expenditures; specifically their outreach to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). Joining Director George from CDOT were Celina Benavidez, Director of Human Resources and Administration, and Debra Gallegos, Director of CDOT Center for Equal Opportunity. CDOT presented a Recovery update, a brief description of the Center for Equal Opportunity, information about the DBE program-the plan and how goals are established and participation for small business with the Recovery funds, the process for the good faith effort and its analysis and the establishment of the Good Faith Efforts Joint committee. A PowerPoint presentation of their discussion is available at Colorado.gov/recovery under Accountability Board/Meeting Information.

G. Public Input/Questions

Representative from a Small business (Name Unknown)

Owns a company that has developed software reporting tool that works well with the Legacy system He would like to donate this software to the State. He has been in contact with the Governor's office. Don Elliman thanked the gentleman and said the Office of Information Technology would be reviewing it.

Jim Blair, Integrated Risk Management Solutions

How is the State integrating the dollars being authorized through other programs (not ARRA) for Broadband? How are those dollars being accounted for in the reporting process?

John Conley responded that funds coming from ARRA are being tracked but those coming from other sources that are specifically subsidizing operations not new build-out are not being tracked. The money flowing through other avenues is not a debit against the competitive ARRA dollars available to the State.

Seth Firmender, representing Hamon Contractors Inc.

Mr. Firmender thanked CDOT for working with Hamon (regarding a DBE dispute) and for working toward the goal of setting up a joint committee and then reviewing the good faith effort process.

Katina Hamann, Point B

When does the Governor's office think approval will be granted for administrative funding? What is the vision for reporting and oversight?

Elliman responded that they anticipate funding will come soon, otherwise the Governor's office will find alternative funding. He added that additional funding will aid in the reporting efforts. The Governor's office views communication/reporting as a critical part of the Recovery effort.

Representative from the Laborers International Union/ Northwest Region had a question regarding weatherization grants and why they were being awarded to the same 501c3 companies.

Elliman responded that the act obligated that the first road of spending money had to go to the original 501c3 companies. This was contingent that those companies were able to increase their workforce to meet the added demand as well as be willing to undergo a more rigorous audit. As a result, one company has withdrawn from the process and an RFP is currently open. Elliman stated that there would be transparency in the process.

Helga Grunerud, Executive Director of Hispanic Contractors of Colorado

They met with CDOT staff regarding Hamon Contractors DBE dispute. They had concerns along with Hamon Contractors regarding the DBE dispute. They met with CDOT and were pleased with CDOT's response to their concerns. She stated that Maranda Pleau was an appropriate hire for the position of Minority Outreach Coordinator. .

H. Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be posted on the website as soon as it has been determined. With no other business the meeting was adjourned.